



March 9, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004788):** Increases, from three to five, the number of board members on the Executive Committee of the Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board (Board).

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Board is housed within the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC), which provides administrative and investigative support for the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann §§ 65-31-114(e) and 65-31-114(f)(2):
  - Members of the Board shall serve without compensation; and
  - The Executive Committee is composed of Board members.
- In Opinion No. 16-25, dated July 15, 2016, the Attorney General and Reporter opined that Board members may receive reimbursement for travel expenses or per diem for travel and incidental expenses incurred in attending Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- Based on information provided by the TPUC, to date, no Executive Committee member has submitted a request for reimbursement.
- Therefore, it is assumed that increasing the number of members who sit on the Executive Committee will not result in any increase in the amount of reimbursement or per diem paid to such members.
- TPUC is self-funded by the industries it regulates, receiving and remitting no funds to or from the General Fund. In the event that TPUC receives future requests for reimbursements, there would be no impact to General Fund expenditures.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation is not expected to have any significant impact on jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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